

Appln. No. 10/532,949
Amendment dated November 25, 2009
Reply to Office Action of September 4, 2009

REMARKS

The September 4, 2009 Final Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, an interview was conducted with Examiner Nguyen, claims are cancelled and amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

INTERVIEW

The courtesy of Examiner Nguyen in granting an interview in connection with this application is acknowledged and appreciated. The interview took place on September 21, 2009. Present at the interview were Examiner Nguyen and Applicants' attorney, Robert Michal.

During the interview, the present claimed invention was explained to the Examiner and proposed amendments to the claims were discussed to place claims 1 and 2 in condition for allowance. Specifically, Examiner Nguyen confirmed that if the alternative language "or said conductive material laminated plate" is removed from claims 1 and 2, claims 1 and 2 would define over the prior art of record. In addition, the Examiner indicated in a subsequent interview that if limitations from the

preamble of claim 6 were included in the body of the claim, he would have to consider those limitations in examining claim 6 and claim 6 might be considered allowable.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent JP 07-099,379 (Suga et al.). Claims 2, 5 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Suga et al. in view of USP 6,063,647 (Chen et al.). Claims 4 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Suga et al. or Suga et al. in view of Chen, and further in view of USP 5,352,314 (Coplan).

In response, claims 1 and 2 are amended along the lines discussed with Examiner Nguyen during the interview. In addition, claims 7-15 are cancelled. Claims 8-15 were previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner and may be the subject of a divisional application.

Moreover, claim 6 is amended to move limitations from the former preamble to the body of the claim so that features which were previously present only in the preamble which are not taught in the cited and/or applied references will be fully considered by the Examiner when determining the patentability of claim 6.

Claim 6 is patentable over Suga et al. because the applied

reference does not disclose, teach or suggest a method of conveying a printed circuit board including the steps of providing on the printed circuit board electric components which are mounted thereon, the printed circuit board having on a surface thereof a conductive portion and a non-conductive portion, and conveying the printed circuit board while detachably holding the printed circuit board on a surface of a holding and conveyance jig in which a weak adherence adhesive pattern is provided on the surface of the jig in a manner such that the non-conductive portion is placed by being restricted to a surface of the weak adherence adhesive pattern.

In view of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 2 and 6 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Dependent claims 3-5 and 16-19 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claims 1 or 2, and are patentable over the cited reference in view of their dependence on claims 1 and 2, and because of the references of record do not disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in dependent claims 3-5 and 16-19.

In view of all of the foregoing, claims 1-6 and 16-19 are patentable over the cited references and all of the references of record under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

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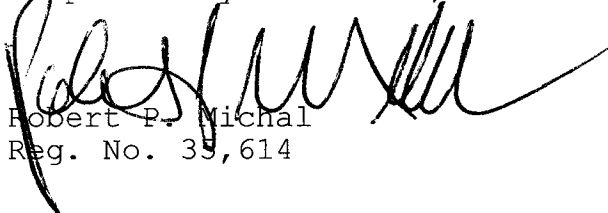
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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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